BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 91-641-W/S - ORDER NO. 92-274

APRIL 8, 1992

IN RE: Application of Carolina Water Service,   )   ORDER
       Inc. for Approval of Increased Rates   )   GRANTING
       and Charges for Water and Sewer   )   PETITION
       Services Provided to Customers in its   )
       Area in South Carolina.   )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of

South Carolina (the Commission) pursuant to the Petition of

Carolina Water Service, Inc. (CWS or the Company) to withdraw its

Application and Rate Schedules of December 16, 1991 without

prejudice.

On December 16, 1991, the Company filed an Application in the

above-captioned docket seeking a general increase in its existing

rates and charges for water and sewer service in accordance with

schedules attached to and filed with the Application. Pursuant to

the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the

Company timely caused a Notice of Filing and Hearing to be

published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas

affected by the proposed rate increase and sent a copy of the

Notice via the United States Postal Service to each customer

affected by the proposed increase in rates and charges.

Subsequent to the publication and mailing of the Notice, Petitions

to Intervene were filed by Mr. Cliff Floyd and Mr. Ron Alexander, on their own behalf, and by Elliott F. Elam, Jr., Esquire, on behalf of Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. In addition, numerous letters of protest were filed by customers opposing a rate increase and raising a variety of concerns.

On or about April 6, 1992, the Company filed its Petition to Withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules Without Prejudice. The grounds for said Petition were that the Company wishes to take additional time to evaluate the costs and benefits of several major projects, and to inform its customers as to those costs and benefits. The Commission believes that the Company has stated sufficient grounds to withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules, without prejudice, and therefore, believes that the Company should not be precluded by the December 16, 1991 filing of its original Application and Rate Schedules from seeking rate relief as the Company deems appropriate, including the filing of an application for rate relief before December 16, 1992.

The Commission also believes that the Company should notify all of its customers of the withdrawal of the Company's Application as soon as possible. When and if the Company decides to file a new Application and Rate Schedules prior to December 16, 1992, it shall serve a copy of said new Application and Rate Schedules on all present parties in this action, including Mr. Cliff Floyd, Mr. Ron Alexander, and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, and shall use the current docket number.

This Order shall have no effect, should the Company decide to file a new Application and Rate Schedules on or after December 16, 1992.
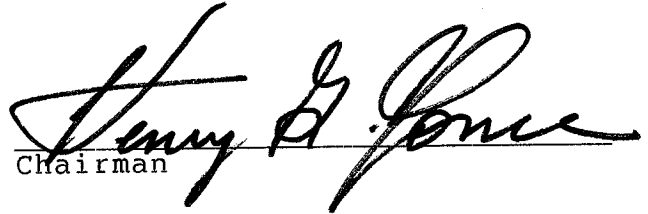
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. That the Company is hereby allowed to withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules dated December 16, 1991, without prejudice.

2. That the Company is not precluded by the previous filing of said Application and Rate Schedules from seeking rate relief as the Company deems appropriate, including the filing of an application for rate relief before December 16, 1992.

3. That the Company shall notify all customers of the withdrawal of its Application and Rate Schedules as soon as possible.

4. That the Company shall serve a copy of any new Application and Rate Schedules filed before December 16, 1992, on all present parties to this action, including Mr. Cliff Floyd, Mr. Ron Alexander, and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, and shall use the current docket number.

5. That this Order shall not affect any new Application and Rate Schedules filed on or after December 16, 1992.

6.   That this Order shall remain in full force and effect un

further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)